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Rep. Giuliano: Bond Commission to Consider Westbrook Library Grant



The State Bond Commission today approved a \$500,000 grant to help fund a \$3,204,898 renovation and expansion project at the Westbrook Public Library, state Representative Marilyn Giuliano, R-23rd District, who has been working for several months to secure the funding, announced today.

The Bond Commission approved the grant at its meeting Friday.

“The Westbrook Public Library is almost 30 years old and needs to be expanded if it is to provide the wider services residents want and need,” Representative Giuliano said. “In addition, some library furnishings and equipment is breaking down or has become outdated and needs to be repaired or replaced. I’d like to thank Governor Rell and the Bond Commission for acting favorably on this grant and clearing the way for this project to get underway in the near future.”

“Libraries play a very important part in our communities,” Representative Giuliano said. “In addition to being the repositories of literature, poetry and other works of art from ancient through contemporary times, libraries also provide internet access and reference works for students, scholars and researchers. They offer services to the public that almost everyone uses throughout their lives. I’m glad I was able to help secure state support for this important local project.”

The project is expected to include:

- 1 The complete renovation of the existing library.
- 1 The addition of 3,664 sq. ft. to the main floor of the library and 3,664 sq. ft. of unfinished basement.
- 1 Space to accommodate more than 20 years of growth in library services and collections.
- 1 A new and enlarged Children’s Room.
- 1 An increase in the library’s overall seating capacity.

1 Improvements to make the building fully accessible to persons with disabilities.